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## Lansing — Always Moving Forward

The Lansing Center is approaching its busy conference season, which means lots of visitors in the coming weeks.

As Lansing residents and workers, we've become experts at navigating through all the "Detour" and "Road Closed" signs. However, for visitors who are not familiar with our city, traveling through Lansing will pose an extra challenge. Please have patience with lost and confused drivers.

The construction may be a burden now, but it will make Lansing a better place to live, work, and play in the future. Our city is right in the midst of an economic transformation — and returning visitors are one of our best chances for continued growth.

The Lansing Center is a premier conference facility and a true asset to our city. The upcoming events at the Center will bring economic opportunities to make for a more prosperous Lansing.

## CSO Project Construction Updates

### Downtown - Kalamazoo and Seymour Streets

#### *Traffic Updates:*

- Access to all Washington Square and Kalamazoo Street businesses is being maintained throughout construction, so please continue to patronize these businesses.
- Seymour Street has been paved and is open to traffic.



*Downtown  
Seymour Street Paving*

*Progress Report:*

- The boring and jacking operation has been completed.
- The siphon chamber surface work has been completed with the exception of the bike path area restoration.
- Tree grates have been installed along Kalamazoo Street.
- Concrete curb, drive approaches, and gravel have been placed in the roadway on Kalamazoo Street from Washington Avenue to Grand Avenue. The gravel has been graded and paving is expected to be completed by October 22.
- Underground work has been completed at the Kalamazoo Street and Capitol Street intersection.

*Siphon Chamber***023 – Michigan Avenue and Side Streets***Traffic Updates:*

- All streets are currently open to traffic.
- Final paving of Michigan Avenue, Pennsylvania Street, Larch Street, and Cedar Street is tentatively scheduled to begin October 20 and to continue through October 24. Traffic will be maintained with short-term closures and traffic shifts.

*Progress Report:*

- Manholes are being raised to final grade.
- Final video inspection of storm sewers was conducted.

**020 – Shiawassee and Pennsylvania Area***Traffic Updates:*

- Final paving was completed on Shiawassee Street and pavement markings have been applied. Shiawassee is now open to traffic.
- Dorrance Place and Genesee Street have been paved and are open to traffic.

*Progress Report:*

- Sanitary sewer work is complete on Haag Court.
- Curbs and driveways are complete on Jerome Street, except for the east entrance to the childcare center.

- On Shiawassee Street, railroad track replacement was completed and storm sewer was constructed across the railroad tracks. Additionally, all CATA bus stops have been restored.
- Water service leads were completed on Vine Street. Storm sewer construction at Vine and Haag is complete, as well as 80 feet of sanitary sewer.



*Carrier Street from Felt Street*

### **013 Northwest – Turner Street and Carrier Street Area**

#### *Traffic Updates:*

- All streets have been paved and striped and are opened to traffic.

#### *Progress Report:*

- Pavement (base and leveling) was placed on Howe Street, Paulson Street, and Felt Street.
- Curb and gutter has been installed on Turner Street.
- Restoration of gravel driveways and shoulders along the side streets has begun.



*Restoration at Carrier Street  
and Turner Street*

### **018 Southeast – Oakland Avenue/Pennsylvania Avenue Area**

#### *Traffic Updates:*

- Oakland Avenue is being paved today, October 12, from Pennsylvania Avenue to Clark Street.
- Two-way traffic is open on Pennsylvania Avenue near Oakland Avenue.

#### *Progress Report:*

- The underground work on Oakland Avenue is complete. Road gravel has been placed and curb and gutter installation has begun.
- All main line sewer and water installation is complete on Farrand Street.
- On Porter Street, from Ballard Street to Pennsylvania Avenue, all underground work is complete. On Porter Street, from Pennsylvania Avenue to Johnson Street, the water main has been installed.
- Main line sewer and water main construction are complete on Ballard Street, north of Porter Street.



*Randolph Street  
New Paving*

### 013 West - Gier Neighborhood

#### *Traffic Updates:*

- Jackson Street, Creston Avenue, Harris Street, Randolph Street, and Gary Street have been paved and are open to traffic.

#### *Progress Report:*

- Manhole structures were adjusted, and final paving and restoration are complete along Jackson Street.
- Base and leveling paving and restoration is complete on Gary Street.
- Sidewalk restoration is ongoing.
- Final televising of sewers is complete.

## Other Lansing Area Construction Project Updates

### Michigan Avenue “Streetscape” Project



*Traffic Circle*

Work on the Michigan/Washington intersection is coming to a conclusion. The traffic circle is in place and paving has been completed. The brick work and other miscellaneous items will be completed by October 16. A ceremonial reopening of the intersection is set for Wednesday, October 17.

Construction has started on the streetscape in front of the west half of the Lansing Center. New planter beds and more sidewalk snow melting systems are being installed. As soon as this is completed in early November, streetscape construction on the south side of the 300 block of E. Michigan can begin. Work may start sooner if temporary sidewalks can be installed to maintain east-west pedestrian traffic.

Construction of the streetscape on the south side of the 400 block is near completion. The concrete sidewalk has been placed and only brick work remains. This work should be completed by the end of October.

The façade work on the new Stadium District building (500 block of E. Michigan) will also be complete by the end of October. At that time, streetscape work will begin and will continue through mid-November.

Rain garden construction is nearing completion on the south side of Michigan Avenue between Larch Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. Fencing is scheduled for installation starting the week of October 15. Sidewalk and brick installation should be completed by the end of October. Permanent plantings in the rain gardens are scheduled for spring of 2008 to ensure a healthy climate for plant growth.



This is YOUR newsletter!  
Any comments or suggestions  
are welcomed and encouraged!

If you have any comments or  
suggestions, please send them  
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Please feel free to forward  
the newsletter on to others who  
may be interested.

### North Washington “Streetscape”

Work continues on the Washington Square “Streetscape” project, with site grading and concrete work in the 200 and 300 north blocks. Construction of the rain gardens is also underway. Concrete crews will be on site for the next few weeks, placing the rain garden walls, curb, gutter, and sidewalk. Paving is scheduled for early November.

Pedestrian access is restricted across the site at Ionia Street due to the site grading. Pedestrians must cross at Shiawassee Street or Ottawa Street. A temporary crosswalk will be re-established once the gravel for the roadway has been placed.

At Shiawassee Street, pedestrians should continue to cross east-west through the project area on the north side of Shiawassee Street and avoid crossing on the south side. A safe walkway will be maintained on the north side.

Construction is expected to last through November and plantings in the rain garden will be completed next spring.

#### ***Please note:***

- Ionia Street is closed to all traffic.
- Shiawassee Street is open with one westbound lane.
- Ottawa is open with two westbound lanes.